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Preliminary Racial Bias Audit Report of Charleston Police Department Released

Charleston, S.C.—Today, the city of Charleston is releasing the preliminary findings of CNA's Racial Bias Audit of the Charleston Police Department, which will be followed by a 30-day community review and comment period before CNA finalizes its report.

Link: https://www.charleston-sc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/24770/CNA-CPD-Preliminary-Report---93019

In conjunction with that release, Mayor John Tecklenburg and Police Chief Luther Reynolds issued the following joint statement:

"This preliminary report is a critical step in the Charleston Police Department's ongoing efforts to protect and serve all our citizens with dignity and respect. In it, you will find a thorough assessment of where we've been, where we are, and even more important, where we're going, with a series of thoughtful recommendations for improvement in departmental policies, procedures, training and more. On behalf of our city, we embrace these preliminary findings, and look forward to hearing more from our community during the review process." – *Mayor John J. Tecklenburg and Police Chief Luther Reynolds*

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